



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Springfield, MO

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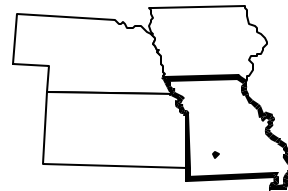
Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for a Brownfields Pilot. Springfield (population 10,494) is located in southwest Missouri. The Pilot target area—the 250-acre Jordan Creek Corridor—is an industrial and commercial corridor in downtown Springfield. The corridor was once the economic hub of the community, with historic land uses that included agricultural mills, lumber and coal yards, metalworking and electroplating facilities, gas and electric companies, and painting and printing shops. These businesses moved out of the corridor as residents moved away from the city's center and business centers shifted, leaving behind numerous brownfields and aging facilities. Combined with conflicting zoning patterns that have placed commercial and industrial businesses within residential blocks, these brownfields have led to the area's economic instability and environmental degradation, including contamination of the Jordan Creek. The corridor's demographics—an 11.7 percent minority population, a 9 percent unemployment rate, and a poverty rate of 43.5 percent—indicate that the city's most economically disadvantaged residents also live nearest to these potentially contaminated brownfields and face a greater potential risk of exposure.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Springfield, Missouri

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Profile: The Pilot targets brownfields within the 250-acre Jordan Creek Corridor in downtown Springfield.

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[http://www.epa.gov/region07/specinit/
brown/brownfields.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region07/specinit/brown/brownfields.htm)

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

OBJECTIVES

The Pilot will complement a citizen-based, comprehensive 25-year plan for Springfield and Greene County. Within the Jordan Creek Corridor is the first target area for the plan—a "civic park" designed as the community focal point and gathering place that will include commercial and residential development, historic museum and hotel restoration, community facilities and green space. The Pilot will fund environmental assessments at several brownfields within or near the civic park project, and will provide a mechanism for public input and community involvement in developing cleanup and revitalization strategies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting four Phase I assessments and three Phase II assessments on targeted sites within the corridor;
- Hosting at least two public forums to educate residents about targeted site activities; and
- Developing cleanup designs, cost estimates, and funding strategies for assessed sites.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.